

## Tobrasone

**Novartis**

Ögondroppar, suspension 3 mg/ml / 1 mg/ml  
(Vit till benvit suspension)

Glukokortikoid i kombination med bredspektrumantibiotikum

**Aktiva substanser:**

Dexametason

Tobramycin

**ATC-kod:**

S01CA01

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## Miljöpåverkan

### Dexametason

Miljörisk: Risk för miljöpåverkan av dexametason kan inte uteslutas då det inte finns tillräckliga ekotoxikologiska data.

Nedbrytning: Dexametason är potentiellt persistent.

Bioackumulering: Dexametason har låg potential att bioackumuleras.

# Detaljerad miljöinformation

## Environmental Risk Classification

### Predicted Environmental Concentration (PEC)

PEC is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{PEC } (\mu\text{g/L}) = (A \cdot 10^9 \cdot (100 - R)) / (365 \cdot P \cdot V \cdot D \cdot 100) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot A \cdot$$

$$(100 - R) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 3.7464 \text{ kg} \cdot 100$$

$$\text{PEC} = 0.000698 \text{ } \mu\text{g/L}$$

Where:

A = 4.6526 kg (sum of 2.9362 kg dexamethasone and 2.257 kg dexamethasone natriumphosphate, equaling 1.716 dexamethasone) (total sold amount API in Sweden year 2016, data from QuintilesIMS Health).

R = 0 % removal rate (due to loss by adsorption to sludge particles, by volatilization, hydrolysis or biodegradation) = 0 if no data is available.

P = number of inhabitants in Sweden =  $9 \cdot 10^6$

V (L/day) = volume of wastewater per capita and day = 200 (ECHA default) (ECHA 2008)

D = factor for dilution of waste water by surface water flow = 10 (ECHA default) (ECHA 2008)

### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

#### *Ecotoxicological studies*

*Algae (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata)* (ISO 8692, 1987) (Della Greca et al. 2004):

ErC50 72 h (growth inhibition) > 100.0 mg/L

*Crustacean (Daphnia magna)*:

## Acute toxicity

EC50 24 h (immobilisation) > 100.0 mg/L (OECD 202) (Ciba-Geigy Project No. 830166)

*Fish:* no data available

### *Other ecotoxicity data:*

Bacterial Respiration Inhibition:

EC<sub>50</sub> 3 h > 320 mg/L (Inhibition of Oxygen Consumption by activated sludge, 87/302/EEC, Part C) (ECOTOXICOLOGY Report N 139 05)

PNEC derivation:

No PNEC can be calculated since there is not sufficient information on environmental toxicity available

## **Environmental risk classification (PEC/PNEC ratio)**

Calculation of a risk ratio is not possible, as there is not sufficient environmental toxicity data available. Therefore, the following phrase is used: Risk of environmental impact of dexametasone cannot be excluded, since there is not sufficient ecotoxicity data available.

## **Degradation**

### ***Biotic degradation***

*Ready degradability:*

0 %, not readily biodegradable (OECD301E) (Ciba-Geigy, Project No. 83 01 65)

*Justification of chosen degradation phrase:*

As dexamethasone does not fulfil the criteria for ready biodegradability, the following phrase is chosen for degradation potential: 'Dexamethasone is potentially persistent.'

## **Bioaccumulation**

*Partitioning coefficient:*

$\log K_{ow} = 1.83$  (method unknown) (Alcon Technical Report No. 090:38560:0796)

*Justification of chosen bioaccumulation phrase:*

As  $\log K_{ow} < 4$ , the following statement is used for

Dexamethasone: 'Dexamethasone has low potential for bioaccumulation.'

### **Excretion (metabolism)**

Dexamethasone is eliminated from plasma with a half-life of 2.4-3.5 hours. The mean plasma clearance is 245 mL/min.

Within 24 hours 64% of a radioactive dose of 0.5-1.5 mg dexamethasone is excreted in the urine. Up to 36% of the dose is recovered in the urine in the form of the principal metabolite, 6 $\beta$ -hydroxydexamethasone, and about 2% of the dose is found in the form of unchanged dexamethasone. (Millicorten® Basic Drug Information, CIBA, 1994)

### **References**

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## Tobramycin

Miljörisk: Användning av tobramycin har bedömts medföra försumbar risk för miljöpåverkan.

Nedbrytning: Tobramycin är potentiellt persistent.

Bioackumulering: Det kan inte uteslutas att tobramycin kan bioackumuleras, då data saknas.

## Detaljerad miljöinformation

### Environmental Risk Classification

#### Predicted Environmental Concentration (PEC)

PEC is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{PPEC } (\mu\text{g/L}) = (A \cdot 10^9 \cdot (100 - R)) / (365 \cdot P \cdot V \cdot D \cdot 100) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 11.49 \cdot 100$$

$$\text{PEC} = 0.00172 \mu\text{g/L}$$

Where:

A = 11.49 kg (5.0494 kg tobramycin and 7.7905 tobramycinsulfat equaling 6.44 tobramycin free base) (total sold amount API in Sweden year 2015, data from IMS Health).

R = 0 % removal rate (due to loss by adsorption to sludge particles, by volatilization, hydrolysis or biodegradation) = 0 if no data is available.

P = number of inhabitants in Sweden =  $9 \cdot 10^6$

V (L/day) = volume of wastewater per capita and day = 200 (ECHA default) (ECHA 2008)

D = factor for dilution of waste water by surface water flow = 10 (ECHA default) (ECHA 2008)

## **Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

### **Ecotoxicological studies**

*Cyanobacteria / blue-green algae (Anabeana flos-aquae)* (OECD 201) (NOTOX Project 488773):

EC50 72 h (growth rate) = 0.349 mg/L

NOEC = 0.051 mg/L

*Crustacean (Daphnia magna, waterflea):*

Chronic toxicity

NOEC 21 days (parental mortality) = 0.36 mg/L (OECD 211)

(NOTOX Project 488772)

*Fish (Fathead minnow, Pimephales promelas):*

Chronic toxicity

NOEC 33 days = 10 mg/L, no effect up to regulatory limit concentration (OECD 210) (NOTOX Project 488774)

*Other ecotoxicity data:*

Bacterial respiration inhibition

EC<sub>50</sub> 3 h > 1000 mg/L (OECD209) (NOTOX Project 488774)

PNEC derivation:

PNEC = 5.1 µg/L

PNEC = lowest NOEC/10, where 10 is the assessment factor used if chronic toxicity data for three trophic levels is available. The NOEC for cyanobacteria has been used for this calculation since it is the most sensitive of the three tested species.

### **Environmental risk classification (PEC/PNEC ratio)**

PEC/PNEC =  $0.00172 \mu\text{g/L} / 5.1 \mu\text{g/L} = 0.00034$ , i.e. PEC/PNEC  $\leq$  0.1 which justifies the phrase "Use of tobramycin has been considered to result in insignificant environmental risk."

## **Degradation**

### **Biotic degradation**

*Ready degradability:*

0 % degradation in 28 days, not readily biodegradable (OECD 301B). (NOTOX Project 488776)

*Justification of chosen degradation phrase:*

Tobramycin does not pass the ready degradation test. The phrase "Tobramycin is potentially persistent" is thus chosen.

### **Bioaccumulation**

*Partitioning coefficient:*

Log P = -5.8 (method unknown). (Clarke's 2017)

*Justification of the chosen bioaccumulation phrase:*

Since the reliability of the available information on the partitioning coefficient cannot be assessed, the phrase 'The potential for bioaccumulation of tobramycin cannot be excluded, due to lack of data' is chosen.

### **Excretion (metabolism)**

Tobramycin is not metabolized and is primarily excreted unchanged in the urine. (Novartis Core Data Sheet for TOBI<sup>®</sup>, 2017)

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- Clarke's Analysis of Drugs and Poisons, Monograph on Tobramycin. Accessed: 02. March 2017. <https://www.medicinescomplete.com/mc/clarke/current/>
- Novartis Core Data Sheet for TOBI<sup>®</sup> (tobramycin). Version 2.1. 19 January 2017.